(b) if so, whether these rates would apply similarly even on MTNL, Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has reduced the rates of'BSNL One India' package, Local PCO etc. with effect from 1 st November, 2006.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Urban Tariff is under forbearance and is fixed by the operators keeping in view the cost and competition. Due to different areas of operation and different competitive scenario in two organizations, the tariff plans may not be same.

Services of GSM and CDMA

904. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications has held that mobile operators cannot provide services simultaneously on GSM and CDMA platforms in a circle under one licence;

(b) if so, the names of the mobile operators which are doing this; and

(c) the action Government are taking against these mobile operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As on date under one license no service provider is simultaneously providing services on GSM and CDMA platforms in the same service area.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecom services along the international border

905. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major tele-companies are providing telecom services along the international border without specific permission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to keep a check on these operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) As per Cellular Mobile Service licence, provision of mobile service within 10 Km. of the international border and as per Unified Access Service licence, setting up of Base Trans-receive Station (BTS) within 10 km. of the international border requires clearance from the Government. At some places, violations have come to the notice and the Department of Telecommunications has instructed the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) to carry out periodic audit to see the compliance to the licence conditions by all the mobile service providers in this respect.

Plan to cover Jharkhand by mobile telephone connectivity

906. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State of Jharkhand which is highly naxal affected is not fully covered by telecommunications;

(b) whether Government have any plan to cover the entire Jharkhand State at least by mobile telephone connectivity; and

(c) if so, by which year the entire Jharkhand State would be covered by telecommunications network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A scheme is being launched by the Government to support infrastructurefor providing services in rural and remote areas of the country including Jharkhand. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the Government owned telecom operator has made plans to cover all the villages having population greater than 1000 with its mobile service progressively